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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN VISIT TO IRAQ CONCLUDED WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER PAK SUNG CHUL DEPARTED BAGHDAD JANUARY 24 AT END OF EIGHT-DAY VISIT. JOINT COMMUNIOUE, AS REPORTED IN BAGHDAD PRESS JANUARY 26, CONTAINS FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS: "THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ STRONGLY BACK THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DURABLE PEACE IN KOREA. THEY DEMAND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND AND THE EVACUATION, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THE PREVARICATIONS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ITS AGENTS WHO ARE PLACING ROADBLOCKS IN THE WAY OF THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA AND ARE HOLDING TENACIOUSLY TO THE CONSIPIRACY OF CREATING TWO KOREAS". THE COMMUNIQUE THEN TURNS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "THE TWO SIDES HAVE DENOUNCED THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE AND ITS INTRINSIC EXPANSIONIST CHARACTER. FURTHER THEY DENOUNCED THE IMPERIALIST UNCLASSIFIED

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ZIONIST AGGRESSION ON THE ARAB NATION AND AFFIRMED THAT NO EQUITABLE AND LASTING PEACE WAS ATTAINABLE IN THE REGION WITHOUT THE FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL ZIONIST WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RECOVERY BY THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE OF THEIR HISTORIC AND NATIONAL RIGHTS IN FULL. THE TWO SIDES REITERATED FULL SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB

PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FORRECOVERING THEIR LOST HOMELAND. THEY ALSO AFFIRMEDTHEIR BACKING TO THE UN RESOLUTION WHICH BRANDED ZIONISM AS A RACIST MOVEMENT". LOCAL PRESS ALSO INDICATES THAT THE TWO SIDES STRONGLY DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM AND DISMANTLING OF AMERICAN BASES IN ASIA AND THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS ZONE OF PEACE.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AS WITH EARLIER REPORTING ON THE VISIT, COMMANDED FUL ATTENTION OF IRAQI MEDIA AND WAS SUBJECT OF FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADLINES IN ALL BAGHDAD PAPERS.
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